Cooperative Societies (CRCS) has been requested to take action for the winding up of the Super Bazar under the provisions of Multi State Cooperative Society Act.

Malpractice by coaching centres

1876. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that institutes/centres in Delhi engaged in coaching for Engineering Entrance Examinations are charging entire fees in advance even for long duration course up to two years leaving no options for the students to withdraw in case they are not satisfied with the services;

(b) whether Government have issued any instructions/guidelines so that innocent public who has made the payment in advance is not cheated; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to instil business and professional ethics in such institutes/centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Coaching Institutes for Entrance Examination are not regulated by the Government.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Starvation deaths in Orissa

1877. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any further starvation deaths took place since 1st September, 2001 in Kashipur Village and other such poverty stricken areas of Orissa like Koraput, Bolangir and elsewhere in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government's attention was drawn to the report captioned, "They call it starvation death but it seems more like

murder" appearing in the Indian Express dated the 2nd September, 2001 reporting more starvation deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) No starvation deaths have been reported by any State Government.

Starvation deaths

1878. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 17 million tonnes of Foodgrains are required as buffer stock in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that starvation deaths occurred in 2000-2001 and before in spite of buffer stocks of Foodgrains;

(c) whether it is a fact that Attorney General admitted in the Supreme Court that the starvation deaths were due to a horrendous state of Affairs; and

(d) Government's reaction to a petition filed in the Supreme Court by Peoples Union for Civil Liberties raising the question of Right to Life under article 21 of the constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) As on 1.7.2001, 616.70 lakh